

November 16, 2020

RE: City of Aberdeen Ordinance No. 20-O-13

Dear Developers/Owners/Engineers,

The City of Aberdeen recently adopted Ordinance No. 20-O-13, Fees. This ordinance addresses changes in the City's fee structure. While some changes are minor, others may have a substantial impact towards the development community. We are providing an overview of these changes below since a significant change in our fee structure has not occurred in 11 years. Some of the highlights are listed below.

- The water and sewer connection fees will remain unchanged until June 30, 2021. Thereafter, July 1, 2021, the combined water and sewer connection fees per Equivalent Dwelling Unit (EDU) will total \$17,500. Refer to Chapter A550 Fees, b, for impacts to hotels, motels, apartments, and dwelling units.
- The Hydrant Flow Test Fee of \$300.00, per test at each location, has been formalized from a policy. Refer to Chapter A550.Fees, (14) Hydrant Fire Flow Tests.
- In-House Engineering review fees and special project inspection fees were adjusted. Refer to Chapter A550 Fees, B. Construction (1)
- A new fee is added for the review of Traffic Impact Analysis. Refer to Chapter A550, D. Planning and zoning, (4) Planning Commission Review., (G).

On or about January 1, 2021, the Department will begin enforcing a submission of \$5,000 escrow deposits or Letter of Credit from a financial institution by the Owner/Developer for the Public Works Department's concept, preliminary and final reviews of engineering plans for storm water management, erosion and sediment control, roads and drainage, and water and sanitary sewer for a development project, and for inspections of installations made under those plans (Ordinance 18-03, adopted Feb.26, 2018, effective March 19, 2018). Funds from the account will be used for nonpayment of services rendered or returned in full to the Owner/Developer. At the approval of the project's as-builts, a zero-account balance, and formal request by the owner/developer, the escrow or letter of credit will be returned.

You may view the City's Code Book on the website at www.ecode360.com. If you have any questions please contact Rolla Chng, City Engineer, at 410-272-1600, Ext. 222, or at rchn@aberdeenmd.gov.

Sincerely,

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Director of Public Works

Attachments: Ordinance No. 20-O-13